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## VOLUME XII.

## The Dying Saint.

What's this that steals, that steals upon my  
frame?It is death, it is death,  
That soon shall quench, shall quench this vital  
flame?It is death, it is death?  
If this be death, I soon shall beFrom every pain and sorrow free;  
I shall the King of glory see;

All is well, all is well.

Weep not, my friends, weep not for me,  
All is well, all is well;

My sins are pardon'd, I am free,

All is well, all is well;

There's not a cloud that doth arise  
To hide my Jesus from my eyes,

I soon shall mount the upper skies;

All is well, all is well.

Tune, tune your harps, ye saints in glory,

All is well, all is well;

I will rehearse the pleasing story,

All is well, all is well;

Bright angels are from glory come,

Around my bed, they are in my room;

They wait to bear my spirit home,

All is well, all is well.

Hark! Hark! my Lord and Master calls me,

All is well, all is well;

I soon shall see his face in glory,

All is well, all is well;

Farewell, my friends, adieu, adieu,

I can no longer stay with you,

All is well, all is well.

It was but a half-waking dream, yet

I accepted it as a prophecy, and with

trembling earnestness sent up my peti-

tion to Him who owns the world :

"O Father, let this come to pass!"

I do not now regret making that

prayer, for it was spoken sincerely, and

I think God is better pleased when we

make an unwise request honestly, than

when with studied words we ask what

we should be unwilling to accept should

he give it. If what I sought was only

glitter, he knew it better than I, and he

gave me gold.

I awoke next morning with a head-

ache, and despite the brilliant future

which had been revealed, was irritable

all day, so that Tommy wondered what

ailed Chat. He didn't believe he'd like

to go to school to her, "anyway."

Jerry was somewhat behind the ap-

pointed time in coming for me—his man,

Robert, did not bring him the horse in

time, he said. The evening was fine, and

we had a delightful ride, though it is to

be feared that, in spite of mother's warn-

ing, I talked too much.

"Remember not to let your tongue run

away with you," she had said. How

ever could I help when there was so

much to say, and when Jerry and Nellie

kept tempting me on?

Cousin Raple's house was two miles

from the village, and very beautiful on

that evening, when I saw it for the first

time. It was nearly new, built of brick,

with bay windows and porches, and the

moon was silverying it all over. For a long

distance the road by which we ap-

proached it was an avenue of stately

trees, whose boughs and twigs were dotted

thick with swollen buds. Although no

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# MEXICO INDEPENDENT.

MEXICO, THURSDAY, JAN. 23, 1873.

## News of the Week.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

A freshet is prevailing in the Seatacket and Yantic rivers, Connecticut. A part of the New London and Northern railroad has been washed away near Newich and much other damage done.

Considerable damage has been done by a rise of the Allegany river. A number of railroad bridges have been swept away and travel is suspended on the railroads in the Allegany Valley.

The police of Washington city have made a complaint against Susan B. Anthony for giving an entertainment, at which an admission fee was charged, without having first obtained a license.

During the full term of the Cornell University, recently closed, gifts were received by that institution to the value of \$600,000, of which amount Mr. Cornell has given \$500,000 Mr. Sage, of Brooklyn, \$30,000; a gentleman whose name is not given, another \$30,000, and President White \$20,000.

The cold in the West continues intense Saturday the mercury showed 8 degrees below zero at Memphis, Tenn.; at La Crosse, Wis., 31 degrees; at St. Paul, Minn., 31 degrees, and at Minneapolis 34 degrees below zero. At Sparta, Wis., the mercury froze, and the spirit thermometer marked 45 degrees below zero.

The dreadful snow hurricane which has just swept over Minnesota and other portions of the West is something quite unparalleled in those regions. How many people perished is not positively known, but the estimates range from 250 to 638, and hundreds of cattle have also been frozen to death or buried alive in the snow.

Louis Napoleon had nearly a million dollars worth of property in New York city, and made several large investments there during the last year of his life.

Several of the conductors on the Hudson River railroad, refuse to use the new detective tickets and have resigned.

Mr. Robert T. Lincoln denies that his mother has presented to anybody the Bible presented to the late President by the colored people of the South. He says that she has no intention of parting with it.

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Senator Harlan asserts that the \$10,000 contributed by Duran for his election was legitimately and not corruptly used.

### FOREIGN.

The Pope told some visitors at the Vatican that he believed the bodies of the Apostles Philip and James were discovered Wednesday in the Church of the Apostles.

A very important discovery has been made in Queensland. That rare and most useful metal, tin, has been found in quantities sufficient to warrant the expectation that New Zealand will henceforth become the rival of the Scilly islands in regard to tin ore.

It is estimated that 60,000 persons were present at Chisellhurst at Napoleon's funeral. On returning the Prince Imperial was greeted with the cry of "Vive l'Empereur!" to which he replied: "The Emperor is dead, Vive la France!" The Empress Eugenie and her son held a reception Thursday at Chisellhurst, at which 1,000 statesmen, soldiers, and other distinguished Frenchmen were present, and kissed the hands of the Empress and her son.

The experiment has been tried in the Wolverhampton, (England,) Council Chamber, of placing wires across the room and has been so far found successful in preventing an echo. The plan will also be tried in the adjoining courts belonging to that town.

Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton died on Saturday.

Photographs of the dead Napoleon can not be sold in Paris.

A proposal by the "Apostolic Perfect of the Palace" that the editors of the clerical journals in Rome should submit their editions to his censorship before publication has been rejected. The request was made in accordance with the Pontifical laws.

An agent of the Japanese government in New York, Schizugawa, is expected shortly in the United States to make the necessary preparations for the Japanese commerce at the exhibition. The latter will occupy 12,000 square feet in the palace of industry and 12,000 feet in the park. In the latter portion Japanese houses are to be erected for show. Japanese workmen are en route for Vienna to carry out the necessary work.

### The Kansas Bribery.

WASHINGTON, January 20.—The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections Saturday resumed investigation into circumstances attending the election of Senator Caldwell of Kansas. Ex-Governor Carney was examined at great length. He corroborated the testimony of L. C. Smith, Caldwell's partner, to the effect that a private interview between Caldwell and himself, Caldwell offered him, \$15,000 if he would pay for the election. The latter will occupy 12,000 square feet in the palace of industry and 12,000 feet in the park. In the latter portion Japanese houses are to be erected for show. Japanese workmen are en route for Vienna to carry out the necessary work.

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W. F. DAVEY.

Parish, Oct. 30, 1872.

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EGG, \$2.00

STOVE, \$2.75

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CHARCOAL, (per bushel), \$2.00

All coal must be paid for when delivered.

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## Literature Fund.

## Meteorology.

The year 1872 has now taken its exit, and naturally we take a retrospective view of its time and seasons. The months of the passing year have been full of changes. True, with the sun-shine clouds have cast shadows, yet the bow of promise spans our horizon, for it is written that as our day so shall our strength be. Cheerfully let us then, as the seasons come and go, strive so as to honor Him whose servants we are.

The average temperature of the year, 1872, at 7 a. m., was 39.17; at 2 p. m., 49.92; and at 9 p. m., 40.77.

July 3d, at 2 p. m., the thermometer indicated 94°, warmest day of the year. March 5th, at 7 a. m., 18° below zero, coldest day of the year. Greatest range 112°.

The mean temperature of the past 19 years was as follows.

Year	Deg.	Year	Deg.	Year	Deg.
1854	46.30	1861	45.87	1868	43.48
1855	45.17	1862	46.21	1869	43.91
1856	43.76	1863	45.94	1870	47.23
1857	45.56	1864	45.80	1871	44.48
1858	46.40	1865	45.22	1872	43.27
1859	46.42	1866	43.83		
1860	46.48	1867	43.97		

By the above table it will be seen that this has been the coldest year during that time.

The mean temperature the seasons was: Spring 38.30°; Summer 69.63°; Autumn 64.11°; Winter 18.93°. The spring and winter was the coldest, with the exception of 1867, during the same number of years.

The last frost occurred on the 3d of June, and the first on the 4th of September. The first severe frost did not make its appearance until the 17th of October.

The last snow fell on the 23d of April, and the first on the 19th of November. Last day of sleighing April 6, and the first November 29. Last snow seen on hill-sides April 24.

The amount of snow was six feet and ten inches. Greatest amount that fell during the past 12 years was in 1868, fourteen feet and one and a half inch.

We had during the year 46 rain storms, and 39 snow storms. Thunder occurred on 38 different days.

In regard to the important question "Has our climate changed?" It has not been generally supposed that the amount of rainfall throughout the state has diminished by the clearing away of our forests, but my records show conclusively that it has.

During 1870 the total rainfall was 30 inches; 1871, 28.9 inches, and 1872, 31.5 inches, so that it is evident that instead of an average amount, the last five years show a considerable decrease under the years preceding.

To render the fact still more striking, the results of observations made during the past twenty years, are added from which it is proved that from 1852 to 1857, the rain fall was 42.2 inches, from 1857 to 1862, 47.1 inches, and from 1862 to 1867 46.6 inches, and from 1867 to 1872 32.8 inches, showing a large decrease. During the above period great changes on the face of the country have been made.

E. B. BARTLETT.

Palermo, N. Y., Jan. 18, 1873.

PROF. DIEHL'S LECTURES.—It was our privilege to attend the lectures of Hon. I. S. Diehl, in the Methodist church on Friday and Saturday evenings. The first was rather introductory but spicy, and in many portions full of instruction. The second treated more especially of Bible lands, and was even more instructive, giving one an idea of those regions far more vivid than can be gained from books, and making clear things which, to our minds, had been obscure before. Those who heard the lecture on the children on Friday afternoon speak of it in the highest terms. We regret that an opportunity so valuable has remained unimproved by so many of our citizens.

—MERITED COMPIMENT.—At the Annual meeting of the M. E. Society of this place, held on the 14th inst., the following well-merited compliment was passed:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Society be given to Mr. Lewis Miller and those who assisted him for the eminent ability and success with which his Concert and Cantatas on New Year's Eve, and repeated Friday evening following, were arranged and executed, and for the very handsome proceeds (netting \$190) which accrued to the Church Bell Fund.

F. WASBURN, Chairman.

J. A. RICKARD, Sec'y.

THE WILDER SISTERS—assisted by Mr. R. Orvis and Miss Hosmer, will give a Concert in Empire Hall on Friday (to-morrow) evening. The musical entertainment given by them a short time ago was well received, and we beseech for them again a good house. Let home talent be patronized. Whoever attends may expect to be well entertained, and will have the satisfaction of knowing that his money is expended for a good object. Tickets 25 cents. Children, 10 cents. Can be obtained at H. C. Peck's Store and E. Rulison's.

—FIREMEN, ATTENTION!—A meeting of the Fire Brigade will be held in Fireman's Hall, on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 7 o'clock p. m. A full attendance is requested, as there will be important business before the meeting.

JOHN WING, Chief.

—The following are the officers of the Debating Society recently organized at the Brick school-house in this village:

J. B. Stone, President.

H. C. Plumley, Vice-President.

G. W. Severance, Secretary.

L. C. Brown, Treasurer.

J. H. Severance, Editor.

Gertie R. Stone, Editress.

J. O. Ballard, Janitor.

The Society, although established but a short time, is quite prosperous. Its debates are spirited and full of interest, and its membership rapidly increasing.

—Come and see our new Plant Brackets, just what every lady wants for her window plants. 5tf L. G. BALLARD.

—A system of condensed gardening for ladies—Make your bed in the morning; sew buttons on your husband's shirt; do not rake up any grievances; protect the young and tender branches of your family; plant a smile of good temper on your face, and expect a good crop of happiness.

## Auction Sales.

At a meeting of the Regents of the University, held on the 10th inst., the distribution of \$40,000 of the income of the Literature Fund, for the last year, was made among the several academies entitled to participate therein. The appropriations for institutions in this country are as follows:

Valley Seminary, \$76.02; Mexico Academy, \$262.62; Oswego High School, \$276.44; Pulaski Academy, \$497.60; Red Creek Union Academy, \$76.02; Sodus Academy, \$504.51.

The Regents have appropriated the following sums to the schools named for the support of departments for the instruction of teachers of common schools:

Valley Seminary, \$70; Mexico Academy, \$165; Pulaski Academy, \$200; Red Creek Seminary, \$100; Sodus Academy, \$200.

## Real Estate Sales.

Frances A. Goodwin and Helen E. Goodwin, infants, by John C. Coit, special guardian, to John M. Wiltsie, lot in Palermo, \$877.09. September, 1872.

Henry Goodwin, Louise Goodwin and Martha Goodwin, to John M. Wiltsie, land in Palermo, \$1,319.05. April, 1872.

Stephen B. Snell, special guardian, and to Sardus Dyke, 10 acres in Mexico, \$400. October, 1872.

Mitchell H. Farman to Austin Y. Odell, 45 acres in New Haven, \$4,500. January, 1873.

Helen F. Carrier to Ira Carrier, 153½ acres in Volney, \$3000. November, 1872.

Oliver French to Ira Carrier, 14 acres in Volney, \$3,500. November, 1872.

Sidney Wilder to Thomas J. Bumpus, lot in Port Ontario village, \$13.75. January, 1873.

Norman Jones to Charles Paddock, 44 rods of land in Mexico, \$400. October, 1872.

Richard Hard to Frederick Leno and Ann Leno, land in Albion, \$600. September, 1872.

## PARISH.

The boys of this place have established a debating society. We are raising a crop of Clays and Websters. We hope no one will be jealous.

For a week past the cars have run very irregularly. Monday and Tuesday we had no trains. They are now running on time. Snow and breakdowns are the cause of the irregularity.

The school teachers of this place, who are teaching school out of town this winter, are having remarkably good success. Mr. Elbert Rulison is teaching the higher department, Central Square, Mr. Elbert Rulison, teaching in the Collins' District, Hastings, and Miss Maretta Norton is teaching in Amboy Centre. This is her second term at that place.—Mr. Martin De Garme is teaching in the Laing District, of this town, for the second term. The intelligent people of district were determined to have him teach. His effort to elevate the standing of that school, has been equalled by the motion of the Committee on Commerce.

The motion was agreed to and the motion was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

## BRIEFS.

## Jury Drawing.

N. B. All persons having accounts with us are requested to settle within twenty days.

BECKER BROS.

Mexico, Jan. 7, 1873.

—Moore's Rural New Yorker for \$2.00. A \$50.00 picture for 50 cts. additional. Subscribe at 5-tf L. L. VIRGIL'S.

GOOD SLEIGHS FOR SALE.—Francis

Villiard has good sleighs for sale. He

will give time on approved notes or take

wood or lumber in exchange.

Mexico, Dec. 5, 1872.

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to the taxable

inhabitants of the town of Mexico, that I,

the undersigned Collector of Taxes in and

for said town, have received the warrant

for the collection of the taxes for the

present year, and that I will attend at

the Store of Goit & Richardson, in

the village of Mexico, Friday and Saturday

of each week; at Worden's Hotel, in

Texas, Jan. 8th; at J. B. Davis' Hotel

in Union Square, Jan. 15th; and at the

Hotel of A. E. Huntley, in Colrose, Jan.

16th, for thirty days from the date hereof

from 9 o'clock a. m. till 4 p. m., for the

purpose of receiving the payments of taxes.

M. D. RICHARDSON, Collector.

Mexico, Dec. 26, 1873.

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PETIT JURORS.

Wynona Smith, John S. Cleland,

Grover G. Houghton, Amboy; Rufus

H. Dobson, William Danforth, George S.

Clough, Sanford Woodard, Simon Cle-

land, Charles Monroe, Febyn Grow,

Constance; Chas. Kits, Henry All, Geo.

P. Elliott, Hastings; Lorenzo G. Bal-

lard; Richard Claxton, Lewis Hum-

bry, George Bedell, West Monroe;

John Devereux, Joseph Nash, Williams-

town.

REPEAL OF THE USURY LAWS.

The following is the text of the act in-

roduced by Senator Robertson for the

repeal of the existing laws respecting

usury:

§ 1. Section 1 of title 3 of chapter 4,

part 2 of the revised statutes, is hereby

amended so as to read as follows:

§ 1. When there is no agreement for

a different rate, the rate of interest upon

the loan or forbearance of any money,

goods, or things in action, shall continue

to be seven dollars upon \$100 for one

year, and after that rate for a greater or

less sum or for a longer or shorter time.

§ 2. It shall be lawful to pay or re-

ceive discount at any rate and to agree

for the payment or receipt of interest at

any rate, provided, however, that no

greater rate of interest than seven per

cent, per annum shall be recovered in

any action, unless the agreement to pay

such rate of interest is in writing.

§ 3. Sections two, three, four, five, six,

seven, and eight of title three of chapter

430 of the law of 1837, and all acts

and parts of acts inconsistent therewith,

are hereby repealed.

## How to be Noboddy.

It is easy to be nobody, and we will

tell you how to do it. Go to the drink-

ing saloon to spend your leisure time.

You need not drink much now; just a

MR. EDITOR.—I am glad you are trying to draw out some good, practical articles in relation to bread making. I consider it of great importance that the person who has to cook for a family should not only know *how* to make good bread, but *do* it. Any boy or girl twelve years old can do it if properly taught, and if he or she will take the necessary care. It may be considered presumption in me to try to instruct young, educated ladies how to make bread, since I am of the other sex. But having had some experience in the business, I will, by your permission, state to the public in the Independent my way of doing it, and if any one can profit from it, or in any way improve, I shall not have written in vain.

Now, it requires a great amount of care and attention to make good, sweet, light bread. In cold weather I was very particular to have all the vessels warm before using, and even got the whole quantity of flour that I intended to use and put in a room where there was a fire at the same time that I commenced making the yeast. I also paid strict attention to mixing and baking when it was in a proper state, for if you leave it rising or sponging long after it is in a proper state it will become sour, and if you leave it too long in the time before baking it will be heavy and soggy.

Now for the process. Take two tea-spoonsfuls of salt and put into a three quart earthen pitcher, then pour on the salt one pint boiling water, stir it, add one pint cold water, add four tea-spoons of flour, then stir it thoroughly. Then set the earthen pitcher with the ingredients into a six quart tin pail with warm water in the tin pail, enough to come up about two thirds of the height of the earthen pitcher. Set it near the fire and keep the whole about as warm as you could comfortably hold your hand in the water, but not hot enough to scald the flour in the earthen vessel. In about four hours it will become thin and on the top will look watery. Then stir in one more cup of flour, and in about one hour from that time it will rise to the top of the pitcher. Then take the pan with about eight tea-spoons of the flour in it that you have in the warm room. Then mix the flour and yeast together, adding as much warm water as is needed to make it into dough; then divide the whole into four equal parts and put them into four two-quart basins. Grease the basins before you put in the dough. Keep it warm, and in about one and a half hours it will be ready to bake, which do in an oven that is heated to a brisk baking heat. Look in the oven about every ten minutes, and if they are not baking even turn the tins round or change their places; and in from thirty-five to forty minutes from the time they were put in the oven you may expect to have, and if it is all done properly and at proper times, you will have four loaves of good, sweet, light bread.

DAVID WHYBORN,  
Cleveland, Oswego Co., N. Y.

ENGLISH PLUM PUDDING.—Soak three quarters of a pound of crackers in a couple quarts of milk; they should be broken into small bits previous to soaking. When soft, add a quarter of a pound of melted butter, the same quantity of sugar, and a wine-glass of wine. Mix half a pint wheat flour with a little milk and stir into the pudding, together with ten beaten eggs, a grated nutmeg, a teaspoonful of pulverized mace, and a teaspoonful of salt. When the whole is mixed, turn it into a buttered pudding-dish, and bake it two hours. When the pudding has baked a few minutes and become thick, dredge a pound of raisins with flour and stir into the pudding, and the same of Zante currants.

GOHONHON.

Another receipt for an English Plum Pudding, sent us by a lady who crossed the Atlantic with us, and whom we know to be a superior cook:

SiX large, juicy apple; core and pare, chop very fine; 6 oz. bread crumbs; 6 oz. currants, 6 eggs, 4 oz. sugar, and the rind of half a lemon, shred very fine; 6 oz. raisins; brandy, citron, and nutmeg in equal quantities; place in a mould and boil from three to four hours. Serve with good brandy sauce.

This is the best I have tasted. If you wish any other pudding receipts I can supply you. KATIE WRIGHT,  
Seaton, Ia.

[Receipts from our Iowa correspondent, or any other lady, will be always acceptable.—Ed.]

MUCILAGE.—The best quality of mucilage in the market is made by dissolving clear glue in equal volumes of water and strong vinegar, and adding one-fourth of an equal volume of alcohol, and a small quantity of a solution of alum in water. The action of the vinegar is due to the acetic acid which it contains. This prevents the glue from gelatinizing by cooling; but the same result may be accomplished by adding a small quantity of nitric acid. Some of the preparations offered for sale are merely boiled starch, or flour, mixed with nitric acid to prevent the gelatinizing.

PREMATURE OLD AGE.—A New York fashion-writer says: "The number of our prematurely grey women on the streets, dressed in the height of fashion, and stylish, attracts attention. The hair is not powdered or frosted, but really grey. One would hardly credit the fact, but a fact it is, that a chemical process is resorted to to bleach the hair white. The reign of the blonde is over, and the old term 'tow-head' passes from room to room. Golden locks are at a discount. Raven tresses are vulgar, and snowy hair is the style. The highest-priced wigs are grey, and not black or auburn. Such is the tyranny of fashion that young girls with black and auburn hair are crazy to have a bleached head."

Never expose your disappointment to the world.

Peace is the evening star of the soul, as virtue is its sun, and the two are never apart.

We trouble life by the care of death, and death by the care of life; the ornaments, the other frightens us.

Wisdom often comes to us too late in life to be of much service to us. There is no use of mustard after meat.

The tricky, deceitful and dishonest are rarely prosperous; for, when confidence is withdrawn, poverty is likely to follow.

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